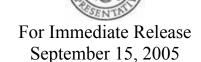
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Dent praises selection of House Homeland Security Chairman Peter T. King of New York

Washington, D.C. (Sept. 15) — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15), a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, gave the following statement on the selection of U.S. Rep. Peter T. King, (R-NY) to chair this important committee:

"I commend the selection of Pete King to chair our committee. Chairman King has a great understanding of homeland security issues, and as a resident of the New York City area, he understands the stakes of keeping our nation's citizens safe.

"I had the opportunity to travel with Congressman King in August for meetings with several security chiefs of Middle Eastern nations. His grasp of the full scope of Homeland Security – from securing borders to relief for those affected by disaster – will help us effectively perform our oversight duties and continue to pass meaningful legislation.

"I thank outgoing Chairman Cox for his outstanding leadership in laying the groundwork for this committee during its first full session."

The committee's founding Chairman, Christopher Cox (R-CA), was appointed by President Bush to head the Securities and Exchange Commission earlier this year.